



FAO: Parents & Carers

RE: Induction day and arrangements for the start of the new academic year (2021/22)

Dear Students, Parents & Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well at this time.

As you will be aware, the Government recently announced a delay to the final easing of lockdown restrictions in England by four weeks, until **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021**. As a result many of the activities planned at home and at school for the next few weeks are no longer permissible under the current Government guidelines.

In recent weeks there has been a rapid increase in new Covid-19 cases across Greater Manchester, as well as nationally. We also know that most of these new cases are in younger age groups, in particularly teenagers and young adults. These increases are due to the spread of the new Delta variant of the virus which is more transmissible, as well as increased mixing due to lockdown easing in recent weeks. The control measures adopted by schools such as social distancing wherever possible, the use of bubbles and lateral flow testing are still proving effective at reducing the risk of spreading the virus. The recent increase however, has seen the raising of expectations regarding the wearing of face coverings in schools across the secondary education sector in Tameside.

Due to the Government's recent decision to extend restrictions, a meeting was held on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021** with representatives from Public Health Tameside, the local authority and the Headteachers from the secondary schools across Tameside. In light of the current circumstances it was felt that the traditional transition events for Year 6 students (**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**) could not take place as planned.

Here at Denton Community College we value and really see the benefit of the transition experience for Year 6 students. When faced with a similar situation during the first lockdown, it was decided to phase the return of students in September to allow for the transition of our new Year 7 at the beginning of the academic Year. On **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021**, the Governing Board of Denton Community College ratified the following plans for the return of students in **September 2021**.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021:**

- Staff INSET Day (No Students)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021:**

- Year 7 - Induction Day (8.40am to 2.50pm)
- Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 Remote Home Learning Tasks

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021:**

- Year 7 Induction Day (8.40am to 2.50pm)
- Years 8, 9 10 & 11 (See the table below for details)

Arrangements for Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021		
AM (8.40am to 11.20am)	Year 9	Year 10
PM (12.10pm to 2.50pm)	Year 8	Year 11

**HEADTEACHER:** Mr G Rule

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021:**

- All year groups return to learning as normal from 8.40 am

In addition to the planned Transition Days in September 2021, your child has the opportunity to participate in our Denton Community College Summer School. This will run from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021. This event will allow your child the opportunity to participate in a number of activities in and around the College. Not only will it allow our new students the opportunities to meet some of their new teachers and staff from the College but also their new peers in Year 7. This is only available to students who have accepted a place at Denton Community College for September and further details are available from Mrs Duffy (Head of Community) at [h.duffy@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk](mailto:h.duffy@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk) or Mrs Hart (Head of Year 7) at [l.hart@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk](mailto:l.hart@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk) .

I am sure the decision not to run the proposed Transition Days in July will be a disappointment to your child. These decisions are only taken with the health and safety of students, staff and families from our feeder primary schools and Denton Community College in mind. Rest assured we are very much looking forward to welcoming your child into our Year 7 on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and we will be in touch with further details before the end of this school term.

Yours sincerely



Greg Rule  
Headteacher